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## ORI Countdown



87  
Days until the ORI

## News Briefs

### Holiday Hours

The following are the hours for Washington’s birthday Monday: All Services activities will be closed except for the Bowling Center, which is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Fitness Center, which is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the Magnolia Inn which is open 24 hours a day.

The Base Exchange will be closed Monday, while the Shoppette will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Commissary will be closed Tuesday in honor of President’s Day. It will reopen Wednesday at 10 a.m.

### Wing Commander’s Call

There will be mandatory Wing Commander’s Calls for all base personnel Thursday at the Kaye Auditorium. There will be three times for the briefs, 7 a.m., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

## Inside



Feature 10

SUPT class 08-05 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Danielle Hill  
Colonel Dave Gerber, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, unveils the street sign in honor of Lt. Col. Alva Temple, a Tuskegee Airman, at the Black History Luncheon. Colonel Gerber was accompanied by the family of the late Colonel Temple.

## Tuskegee Airman honored at luncheon

Airman 1st Class Danielle Hill  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

In honor of the month of February being Black History Month, the African-American Heritage Committee hosted a Black History luncheon for more than 130 BLAZE Team members Wednesday at the Columbus Club.

Chief Master Sgt. Brye McMillon, 18th Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant at Scott AFB, Ill., was the keynote speaker for the event.

During his speech, Chief McMillon spoke about greatness. He asked the audience, "who is willing to write the

history of tomorrow." As he stated the next civil leader such as Martin Luther King, Jr., has not been crowned. He challenged the audience to step up and be that person.

"Some Airman somewhere is going to be great, and they depend on you. Some American somewhere is going to be great," said Chief McMillon. "This month is all about making America better."

During the event, A Street was also renamed in honor of Lt. Col. Alva Temple. Colonel Temple

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## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (08-15)	-4.52 days	-4.52 days	April 1	48th (08-05)	2.00 days	1.98 days	Feb. 15	49th (08-EB)	2.19 days	0.22 days	March 6	T-37	144	137	2,598
41st (08-14)	4.00 days	-1.84 days	March 05	50th (08-05)	-2.88 days	-3.76 days	Feb. 15					T-6	1,155	967	8,430
T-6 37th (08-15)	-5.74 day	-4.32 days	April 1									T-1	508	469	4,313
												T-38	480	542	4,513
												IFF	105	119	1,156

Graduation speaker: Col. Kent Laughbaum, Commander, 355th Fighter Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

# Track select



## T-37 Top Guns

**Contact:** 2nd Lt. Robert Vaccariello

**Instrument:** 2nd Lt. Johnathan Edwards

**Formation:** 2nd Lt. Yuki Motomura

## Leverette Award

2nd Lt. Robert Vaccariello

# 08-13

2nd Lt. Joshua Ames	T-44
2nd Lt. Grant Brown	T-38
2nd Lt. Megan Cooper	T-1
2nd Lt. Jonathan Edwards	T-1
2nd Lt. Brian Gliniak	T-1
2nd Lt. Christopher Herron	T-1
2nd Lt. Christopher Hill	T-38
2nd Lt. Benjamin Hoffman	T-38
2nd Lt. William Jackson	T-1
2nd Lt. Shawn Joaquin	T-1
2nd Lt. Masayuki Mawamura	T-38
2nd Lt. Tyler Keltner	T-1
2nd Lt. Peter McGavin	T-1
2nd Lt. J Meinhard	T-1
2nd Lt. Chad Metiva	T-1
2nd Lt. Yuki Motomura	T-38
2nd Lt. Dwight Rabe	T-44
2nd Lt. Grant Saum	T-38
2nd Lt. Brian Shovelain	T-1
2nd Lt. Alicia Tompkins	T-1
2nd Lt. Robert Vaccariello	T-38
2nd Lt. Connor Wong	T-1

## A heartfelt 'thank you' to my military family

**Sue Lowry**

14th Mission Support Squadron

On Jan. 10, my day started like any other, up at 5:15 a.m., cleaned, dressed, dogs taken care of and out the door to work. I never knew what I would be coming home to that afternoon or how our lives would change in many ways from then on.

Our house and property were hit by a tornado or two and my husband, dogs and cat were in the house. All came through it fine and for that we are so grateful. From then on was a whirlwind. Our property looked like a war zone. If you took all the color out, it would look like an old WWII film. Our home structure had a lot of surface damage but still solid, not livable. We were one of the lucky ones. The next day we moved into a TLF for three to five days. We started cleaning

up debris around the home and tried to figure out the next steps. I have often been on the giving side but never the receiving end of what happened next. People from my squadron started calling and checking on us, asking what we needed most...lodging was the answer. We didn't know how long we could stay in the TLF.

Our pets are like our babies now that our children are grown and it was important to stay together and develop a routine. The TLF we were given had a fenced yard so we could keep our group together. Then the end of the first week we were told we were approved for 90 days to stay in TLF if we needed it. That was the best day ever. We didn't have to worry about where to stay for awhile and we could all stay together.

There are so many people, squadrons and agencies to

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## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 42 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide.

Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.





# Local CEO climbs to new heights

**Airman 1st Class Danielle Hill**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The CEO and President of SeverCorr, John Correnti, visit Columbus AFB Tuesday.

Correnti, who founded SeverCorr in 2005, was able to take a flight in the T-38 Talon with the 14th Flying Training Wing commander, Col. Dave Gerber, as his pilot.

During his tour of Columbus AFB, Correnti was shown the day-to-day operations of the base. He was also able to share his insight on his success during a luncheon for more than 35 people at the Columbus Club.

When asked to what he credited his success, Correnti said "hard work and luck. I was in the right place at the right time."

Correnti is no stranger to CAFB. Last year he was able to take part in the Civic Leader tour, where local civic leaders were able to tour other Air Force bases to better familiarize themselves with the Air Force.

"It is a shame that every civilian doesn't get the opportunity to interact with the military this way. They would appreciate the military much more if they could," said Correnti.

He spoke of the strong ties that CAFB has with the local community, saying "the constant flow of military personnel into the area prevents it from becoming stale." With new personnel, come new and fresh ideas.

Correnti is a graduate of Clarkson University in Postdam, N.Y., and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Before becoming the CEO of SeverCorr, he worked for the Nucor Corporation.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman John Parie  
**Staff Sgt. James Chase, 50th Flying Training Squadron life support, right, and Lt. Col. J.J. Menozzi, 50th FTS commander, help John Correnti, CEO and president of SeverCorr, prepare for his orientation flight in a T-38 Talon Feb. 12 at Columbus Air Force Base.**

## HONOR

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earned his silver wings at the Tuskegee Institute in 1943, after the institute previously rejected him when the military did not have separate facilities for black pilots. A total of 992 black pilots graduated from the experimental training program at Tuskegee Army Air Field and became known as the Tuskegee Airmen.

Colonel Temple flew 120 combat missions over Italy, Southern Europe, Southern France and the Balkan Nations. Upon his retirement, Colonel Temple left the Air Force with more than 5,000 flying hours in fighters and jet interceptors. He later became the owner and operator of Temple's BP Stations and Radiator Sales in Columbus, Miss.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Danielle Hill  
**Chief Master Sgt. Brye McMillon, 18th Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant at Scott AFB, Ill., was the keynote speaker at the Black History Luncheon Wednesday at the Columbus Club.**

## Shirt Tales

**Master Sgt. Allen Rigdon**  
14th Flying Training Wing First Sergeant

Servicemembers are authorized to wear only brown or black undershirts, olive green/green undershirts were phased out in October 1994. Undershirts can be either V-neck, U-neck, crew neck, or athletic style without

pockets. Undershirt will be tucked into trousers.

**EXCEPTION:** MAJCOM commanders may approve black, crew-neck undershirts, long-sleeved black or brown turtlenecks, dickies, or thermal undershirt without pockets. Members may wear white thermal undershirts even if exposed at neck. Installation commanders may prescribe unit designation, and cloth or silkscreen emblem to be worn on left side of chest not to exceed five inches in diameter.

**NOTE:** When worn with maternity uniform, maternity t-shirt is not required to be tucked in.

## In Focus

**Delia McCarty**  
14th Force Support Squadron



**Job Title:** Child Development Program Assistant

**Time at Columbus AFB:** since October 1989

**Time in Service:** 16 years, 4 months

**Hometown:** Chandler, Ariz.

**Family:** husband, Mark, and 1 daughter

**Favorite Musical Artist:** Jaci Velazquez

**Favorite Movie:** Pirates of the Caribbean and Message in a Bottle

**Pet Peeve:** Procrastination

**Bedside Book:** Bible

**Inspirations:** My mother, she taught me to work hard, have a good attitude and be proud of whatever I do

**Personal Motto:** Prioritize to accomplish and do everything with excellence and good attitude.

## In Focus

David Bartimus  
14th Security Forces Squadron



**Job Title:** Security Guard II

**Time at Columbus AFB:** 2 years

**Time in Service:** 2 years

**Hometown:** Columbus, Miss.

**Favorite Musical Artist:** "Daughtry"

**Favorite Movie:** The "Bourne" Series

**Pet Peeve:** People who pull up to the gate without their ID card ready.

**Bedside Book:** Bible

**Inspirations:** Music, motivational quotes and Jesus Christ.

**Personal Motto:** "The value of the possession is seen in the intensity of the pursuit."

## 3,000 hours



U.S. Air Force photo

Lieutenant Col. Mike Gibbons, 43rd Flying Training Squadron commander, surpassed the 3,000 hour mark in the T-38 trainer Feb. 8. Flying with Colonel Gibbons was Maj. David Grizzard, who has 2,790 T-38 hours, Lt. Col. Mark DeGrange, who has 2,570 T-38 hours, and Maj. Mark Heatherly, who has 2,250 T-38 hours. The two-ship formation of the 43rd FTS instructor pilots account for 10,610 hours of T-38 experience.

## THANKS

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thank for their time and thoughtfulness that it is hard to get your head around it. You have to slow down and try to keep it organized. I am not going to try to list everyone who came to our aid because I'm sure I would forget that one special person, but they are all in our prayers.

My squadron and friends started bringing us meals. I've often cooked for others and this felt strange being on the receiving end. We were very thankful for all the thoughtful meals. I know how much loving work goes into them. Our son Billy came down from Memphis, Tenn., and family members in Georgia and Florida arranged their schedules to be sure my mom was taken care of so my brother Bobby could come help us right away. In seven hours, the next day he was here to help, bringing his organizational skills, calmness and humor with him. The next weekend our son and four of my

brothers and sisters came and with members from the base, mostly our folks from MSS, they packed up my whole house in about five hours into 2 Go Boxes. They were amazing, what a relief to have all that help. At the same time the packing was going on many groups of people were outside in the cold cutting up logs and hauling debris to the road.

There were so many people scurrying around doing what needed to be done. My family commented on the AF team work and strength and what a blessing it was to have, I have to whole heartedly agree. Every person out there helping was connected to the Air Force in some way. Active duty, retired, and civil service or married to one of the three. I was born in, raised in and married military, with over 24 years in civil service and have never been more proud of the military or happier to be connected to them.

From the bottom of our hearts, Richie and I thank all of you for your part in our help. God Bless you.

## Sweetheart Ball

The African-American Heritage committee will host a Sweetheart Ball Saturday from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Columbus Club. Music will be performed by Brice Miller. Cost is \$10 per person. Participants can pay in advance or at the door. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Bryant Hayes at 434-2226.

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# CMSAF testifies on quality of life

**Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph**  
Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs

**WASHINGTON** — The chief master sergeant of the Air Force, along with the senior-ranking enlisted members from each branch of service, testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs about quality of life issues in the Air Force Feb. 7 at the Capitol.

"Quality of life is key to success," Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley said.

"Our Airmen deserve the best support available, and we are committed to providing the highest quality of life standards possible," he said.

Child care, healthcare and education were recurring themes for each branch of service throughout the testimony.

"Air Force leaders understand we recruit Airmen, but we retain families," Chief McKinley said. "The quality of life we provide for our Airmen and their families is a distinct determining factor in how long many of our warriors will serve."

For many Airmen, having available and affordable child care is a primary concern. If there is a shortage of child care facilities and providers on a base, this may cause families to seek off-base child care, often at more expense to the families.

"Many of our families are military married to military, single-parent families, or military members with spouses who have to work to supplement the family income. These situa-

tions require flexible child care options," the chief said.

Currently, the Air Force outsources some child care requirements to trained, licensed homecare providers on bases. The Air Force also subsidizes parents who need child care for extended hours through the Air Force Family Child Care Program and provides extended child care at no cost through the Extended Duty Child Care Program.

"While we face funding challenges in meeting every child care requirement, we are striving to provide quality child care options to all our Airmen," Chief McKinley said.

He also addressed healthcare as a concern for Airmen. Across the services, recruiting healthcare professionals remains a challenge.

"Caring for our wounded warriors is always a top priority, and we've done a fantastic job of this on the medical side. Advancements in medical evacuation and trauma care save more lives than in past wars," the chief said. "But, as we focus on taking care of our wounded and ensuring we secure a good future for them and their families, we must also focus on hiring doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals."

Chief McKinley also pointed out the need to update medical equipment, as well as the aging air fleet, space assets and individual protective equipment.

"To successfully meet future challenges, maintain our advantages and maximize results, we must keep pace with the talent of our 21st century Airmen and ensure they have the best equipment, facilities and resources available," he said.

Today, 99 percent of enlisted Airmen

have high school diplomas and 73 percent have also attended college. Additionally, nearly half of all servicemembers are married and have children, and want the same educational opportunities for their families, Chief McKinley said.

The chief stressed to the committee members the need for local, state and school district policies that help military family members who move frequently due to military requirements. He also addressed the need for similar policies concerning full in-state tuition for college.

"Our goal is to help governmental entities share best practices and policies and make sure military families are not penalized by schools for their service to the nation," Chief McKinley said.

"America's Airmen — your Airmen — stand shoulder to shoulder with their fellow American warriors, defending this great nation and our way of life," he said. "We will ensure our Airmen are safe, healthy, well-compensated, well-trained, well-educated and that they and their families have the best possible quality of life." 1



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young

**Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley answers questions on healthcare during his testimony at the Capitol Building Feb. 7 in Washington, D.C. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs held the hearing to discuss military quality of life issues.**



Evidence suggests nearly one-third of enlisted servicemembers self-report moderate to severe difficulty in paying their bills. Living month-to-month and struggling to pay bills, especially when sudden, unexpected expenses such as car trouble or legal problems arise, is not sound financial management. Poor financial choices, and the stress inflicted on Airmen and families, negatively affects the Total Force team.

There are many steps Airmen can take to improve their personal financial management.

- All Air Force members, whether living on base or off, should consider their family's needs for adequate personal property (renter's) insurance. Make a detailed inventory of your personal property —even a simple videotaping could help. If you are a homeowner, consider pur-

chasing flood insurance. Finally, don't forget comprehensive coverage for your cars (liability insurance won't pay for a storm-damaged vehicle). Remember the adage, "chance favors the prepared."

- Avoid credit card debt, and learn ways to manage your funds. The Airman and Family Readiness Center has a wealth of information to educate you on the many tools available to help you manage debt, begin saving, protect against identity theft and secure your family's future.

- Your local legal office can help with consumer and debt problems as well. Moreover, every Air Force base offers beginner financial management classes to help you set up a realistic household budget, live within your means, and learn the basics of taxes and investing. Though it seems like a long way off, investing today will

help you maximize the cumulative effects of a disciplined savings plan for your family.

- As John Wayne once said, "The fastest way to double your money is to fold it over one time. Then put it where it will grow." Along those lines, the Air Force offers the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) which allows your money to grow tax-deferred while being automatically deducted from your pay through allotments—this is an easy way to invest your money systematically. We want confident and proud Airmen. When your personal life is in order, you are a better warfighter for the Total Force. Gaining and retaining control of your family's personal finances will provide you the right situational awareness to truly focus on the professional side of your life. If you want to be secure tomorrow, the time to start acting is today!

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**Capt. Tony Wickman**  
71st Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

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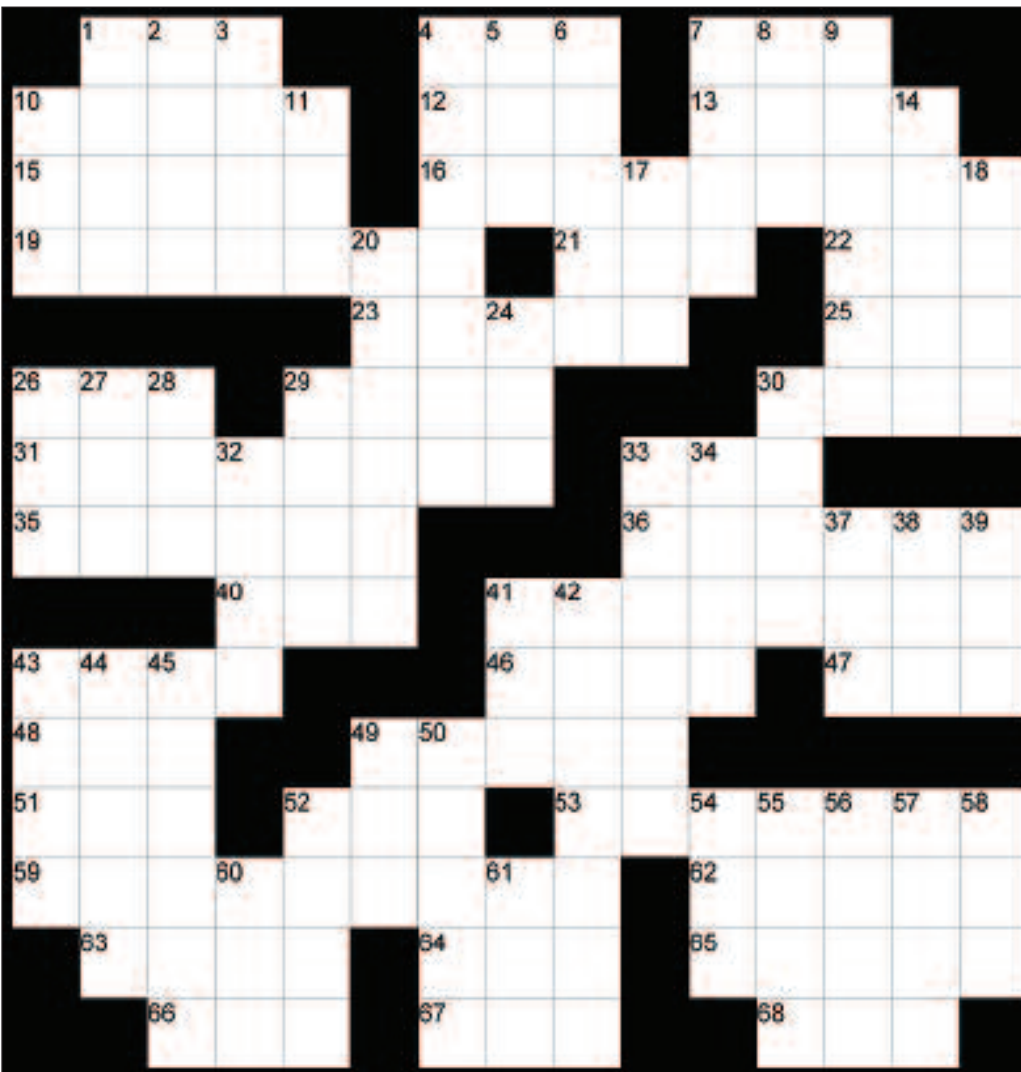
- 1. Health resort
- 4. USAF deployed unit
- 7. Op or deco
- 10. Freight
- 12. Exclamation expressing disgust, aversion, or horror
- 13. Towel marker
- 15. More arid
- 16. Leader of 44 DOWN; led the charge up 53 ACROSS
- 19. Captain of the USS Maine on Feb. 15, 1898
- 21. A hasty escape; flight
- 22. Obstacle
- 23. Reduced or removed by or as by cutting
- 25. Fib
- 26. DoD counterpart
- 29. Flying object
- 30. Kiss member Simmons
- 31. President who led war against 49 ACROSS
- 33. Premium cable channel
- 35. Music producer
- 36. Capable of producing crops
- 40. Powder holder
- 41. A mounted soldier; knight
- 43. Circle parts
- 46. Small portion of food or drink

- 47. Neither's literary partner
- 48. Yankee great Gehrig
- 49. US opponent in the war launched by the sinking of the Maine
- 51. Device, person, or enterprise that proves to be a failure
- 52. Into the Wild actor Holbrook
- 53. \_\_\_ Hill; site of bloodiest and most famous battle of war
- 59. Total or gross amount
- 62. Model Nemcova
- 63. Person who inherits the rank, title, or position of another
- 64. Golf prop
- 65. Former silver coins of Spain and Spanish America
- 66. Toss
- 67. Terminate
- 68. 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

DOWN

- 1. Garment worn by Hindu women
- 2. Bluenose
- 3. Bronze and Iron
- 4. Precious
- 5. Hubris
- 6. Healthy
- 7. Attention getter
- 8. Gun the motor
- 9. Singing pitch
- 10. Music holders
- 11. Sphere
- 14. Destroyed; extinguished
- 17. Dejected
- 18. Oak or elm

- 20. Concluding part added to a novel
- 24. Marina del \_\_\_, Calif.
- 26. Mil. Communication system
- 27. Fall mon.
- 28. I Like \_\_\_; 1952 presidential slogan
- 29. Joint
- 30. Objective
- 32. Bothers
- 33. Harbor where the USS Maine exploded
- 34. Boast
- 37. Box or enclosed place for storing grain, coal, or the like
- 38. Zodiac sign
- 39. Mistake
- 41. Union opponent, in brief
- 42. Liquorice-flavored seeds, used medicinally and in cooking
- 43. M\*A\*S\*H star Alan
- 44. \_\_\_ Riders; Famous American unit in war
- 45. Short, thick stick used as a weapon; club
- 49. Droop
- 50. Food server
- 52. Aromatic plants used especially in medicine or as seasoning
- 54. Nat'l talk radio outlet
- 55. Speak or shout derisively; scoff or gibe rudely
- 56. D-Day beach
- 57. A Guthrie
- 58. USN equivalent to an USAF base
- 60. \_\_\_ Grande
- 61. X, to Cicero



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
18 George Washington's Birthday CAFB closed	19	20 Spouse Base Tour 0830 - 1430	21 CGOC Meeting 1530 @ Club CC Call 0700/1000/ 1400 @ Kaye Auditorium	22 08-06 Assignment Night & Crud 1700 @ Club MUW President Tour of CAFB	23/24 BLAZE Race
25 Bingo Night @ Club	26 09-06 Pilot Partner Welcome 1800	27 African - American Food Tasting @ Chapel	28 Enlisted Promotions 1530 @ Club	29 FAIPA-PALOOZA	1/2 FAIPA-PALOOZA USAFA@ MSU Baseball 1400. Free Admission with Military ID

Long Term Events	
March 6 - Wing Prayer Luncheon Brig. Gen. Richardson guest speaker	March 8 - Autocross @ SAC Ramp
March 6 - 08-14 Track Select	March 13 - Dorm Dinner @ Chapel
March 7 - 08-06 Graduation Brig. Gen. Carpenter, 8th AF Vice Commander, guest speaker	March 28 - Women's History Luncheon @ Club
	April 3 - Major Gen. Halter, 19th Air Force Commander, visits

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	AB					A1C	CMSgt	

RANKS

To solve, place an enlisted rank into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram will contain every enlisted rank. In other words, no rank E1 – E9 may appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the ranks already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing ranks that will lead to the correct solution..

# Mission support, services to transform

**Major Jose Aleman**

14th Force Support Squadron (P) Commander

In my short time in the Air Force, I've never seen change take place at the pace seen in the last couple of years. With projected reduction in manning levels by nearly 40,000, the Air Force had no choice but to look for innovative ways of providing the same capability to its customers in the states, as well as, to those who serve overseas fighting the war on terror and protecting our national interests.

Since 2001, the A1 community has been focused on transforming the way we do business. We needed to find a simpler and better way of conducting routine transactional and administrative actions. Other than the tough manning cuts we've experienced, we've already seen innovation at its best with



establishment of the Air Force Personnel Center Contact Center, the recent commander's support staff consolidation and most recently the implementation of the base level personnel systems delivery model. Without question, these new programs have dramatically transformed the support community and improved the way we do business.

During the past year, the Air Force tested the innovative concept of combining Mission Support and Services functions. The program action directive authorizing Air Force-wide implementation is pending the approval of the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Michael Moseley, and in the next two years every Air Force base will stand up this new Force Support squadron model. Columbus AFB is once again leading the Air Force by having postured this new organizational structure and is poised to formally stand up the 14th

Force Support Squadron within the next few months.

Under the future 14th FSS, the following activities/functions are postured to form one squadron: lodging; military and civilian personnel; education and training services; family readiness; the Columbus Club; golf and outdoor recreation; library and bowling center; fitness, youth and child care centers; arts and crafts and the auto hobby shop. Although transparent to our customers, many specific activities and programs are now being merged, resulting in more efficient processes and improved customer service.

Building the world's best warriors, leaders and professional military pilots takes Herculean efforts from everyone in the community. No one does a better job building the Air Force's best future warriors, leaders and pilots than Columbus AFB...and no one does a better job of taking care of Columbus Airmen and their families than the Force Support Squadron.

## Not just another day off

**Airman 1st Class Danielle Hill**

14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

To most, federal holidays are just another Monday off.

The Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which first took effect in 1971, amended the federal holiday provisions to establish observance of certain holidays on Mondays. This means that even though a holiday may not fall on Monday, it will be recognized on a Monday.

According to the Congressional record, three-day weekends were envisioned to offer greater opportunities for families, especially those whose members may be widely separated to get together. It would also allow our citizens greater participation in their hobbies as well as in educational and cultural activities and lastly improve commercial and industrial production by minimizing mid-week holiday interruptions of production schedules and reducing employee absenteeism before and after midweek holidays.

The Holiday Act includes Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, George Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Labor Day and

Columbus Day.

Before 1971, Washington's Birthday was one of nine federal holidays celebrated on specific dates, which fell on different days of the week except for Labor Day which was always on the first Monday in September, the original Monday holiday. In 1968, Congress voted to shift three existing holidays to Mondays and add a new one.

Washington's Birthday was changed from its February 22 date and to the third Monday in February, followed by Memorial Day, from the last day in May to the last Monday in May. The newly created holiday was Columbus Day and was celebrated on the second Monday in October. Veterans Day was changed from its historical November 11 date was moved to the fourth Monday in October. It was returned to its historic date of November 11 in 1980 due to pressure from veterans groups.

Originally federal worker absenteeism had forced Congress to take a cue from surrounding states and formally declare New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day as federal holidays in the District of Columbia in 1870.

The idea of adding Washington's



Birthday to the federal holiday list was made in late 1870. A popular proposal, the holiday bill required little debate. Signed into law January 31, 1879, by President Rutherford B. Hayes, the law was implemented in 1880 and applied only to District federal workers. In 1885 the holiday was extended to federal workers in the thirty-eight states by president Chester A. Arthur.

Washington's Birthday had become the first federal holiday to single out an individual's birth date. The honor lasted for less

than a century.

The original Monday Holiday bill renamed Washington's Birthday to Presidents Day to honor all presidents. The very unpopular idea lost support and the federal holiday officially retains its Washington's Birthday name. However, 12 states currently still have officially designated the holiday Presidents Day.

As you enjoy your Monday holiday, remember our first commander in chief, President George Washington.

## Anti-terrorism measures every Airman should take

**14th Security Forces Squadron**  
Special to Silver Wings

You hear the term Random Anti-terrorism Measure or "RAM" and you may think just of Security Forces or the Anti-terrorism Officer. What people may not realize is that every squadron is responsible for completing these measures.

The random antiterrorism measure program is a wing-level program that the Installation Commander oversees. The wing AT Officer is responsible for developing and implementing RAMs and is an integral component of a successful AT Program.

Some people might not know what a RAM is designed to achieve. RAMs can be anything from random identification checks at your squadron doors to a walk around the exterior of your building to look for suspicious activity or items. One of the most visible RAMs is the vehicle checks at the main gate. RAMs increase as additional security measures as the FPCON level escalates and establishes added layers of security and safety for our personnel and resources. Every squadron has there own AT monitor.

These individuals are responsible for ensuring assigned RAMs are completed day to day. These checks prevent our installation and resources on it from becoming a "soft target".

Terrorists are most likely to strike areas where security seen as lax or weak, and normally take advantage of "targets of opportunity". By completing these measures we give the appearance of a hard target preventing a possible terrorist attack. A terrorist, foreign or domestic, can plan an attack on our resources if we make ourselves predictable.

Every member of the Columbus AFB community plays a part in force protection, whether it is reporting suspicious activity, to completing or complying with a RAM in progress. If you have any questions about the RAM program, contact your squadrons AT representative for more information.



## Recreational opportunities available for those interested

### Holiday Hours

The following Services activities will be open Monday: the bowling center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the fitness center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Magnolia Inn is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All other Services activities are closed.

### Dawn's Destinations

The outdoor recreation outdoor adventures programs offers monthly adventures to surprise locations the second Saturday of each month. Cost is \$20 per person. Take six trips and the seventh trip is free. Most trips will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will include a sack lunch. For more information, call 434-2507.

### Bingo

Reservations and a \$15 deposit is required by Feb. 20 for the Columbus Club's bingo night scheduled for Feb. 25. Over \$1,700 in cash prizes will be awarded. Early Bird games begin at 6 p.m. and regular games begin at 7 p.m. Cost for a bingo packages is \$15 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Call 434-2490 for more information or reservations.

### Pro Basketball Trip

The information, ticket and travel office offer a trip March 8 to Memphis, Tenn., to watch the Memphis Grizzlies play the Boston Celtics. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. March 8, spend the day on the strip and depart for the game at 5 p.m. Game time is 7 p.m. The bus will return to Columbus AFB after breakfast March 9. Cost is \$125 per person and includes transportation, one night's lodging (double occupancy) and game ticket (section III above the run in). Register by March 1. A \$50 nonrefundable deposit is required. For more information, call 434-7861.

### Blaze Lunch Bunch

Mark your calendars to lunch at the Columbus Club March 5 for the premier of the Blaze Lunch Bunch dine-in from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday. All plate lunches come with one meat, two sides, rolls or cornbread and tea or water. Cost is \$5.75 for members and \$6.75 for nonmembers. Each additional side is \$.50. Meat choices are fried chicken, barbecue ribs, or grilled pork steak. Desserts are \$2.95 each and include turtle cheesecake, homemade cobbler or brownie ala mode. For more information, call 434-2490.

### Home Decor Classes

The Arts and Crafts Center home decor classes are at 10 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. Make a queen size upholstered headboard in the Feb. 22 class. Cost is \$50 plus two yards of 54-inch decorator fabric. Make a bed tray for \$20 plus 1/2 yard of 54-inch decorator fabric in the Feb. 26. Add a Ladderback bookcase to your furnishings for \$40 in this class March 21. All classes require pre-payment and registering one week prior to class start time. For more information, call 434-7836.

### Adult Crafts Classes

The arts and crafts center's March crafts classes include making a magazine rack, napkin rings, a tulip name sign and a tulip welcome sign. Stop by the center to see a display of the projects. For more information, call 434-7836.

## Ready to roll

Klaus Bauer, Information, Ticket and Tour director, stands by the new 44-passenger bus available for trips and tours. The next trip is to Memphis, Tenn., for a Memphis Grizzlies basketball game against the Boston Celtics. For more information, call 434-2505.



U.S. Air Force photo by Pam Wickham

### Weekly Casino Trips

Starting Feb. 22, the information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Philadelphia, Miss. Cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation and \$25 in play credit at the casino. The bus leaves at 6 p.m. each Friday from the BX/shoppette parking lot. Bus leaves the casino for Columbus AFB at 1 a.m. For more information, call 434-2505.

### Teen Aviation Camp

The 9th Annual Air Force Services Teen Aviation Camp will be held at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The camp will be conducted from May 31 to June 5. The camp is open to eligible high school students entering their sophomore or junior year in the fall of 2008. Teens eligible for application must be dependents of active duty military assigned to or living on an Air Force base, Air Force retired military, AF civilian employees or activated Air National Guard or AF Reserve. Youth who participated in last year's camp are not eligible to apply this year. Teens interested, must complete an application and submit it to the youth center by March 15. All lodging, meals and program cost will be funded by Air Force. Travel expense to Colorado Springs will be the responsibility of the parents or participant.

### Say "Yes" To Your Future

The Youth Employment Skills program is an on-base volunteer program for high school students. These teen volunteers will earn \$4 per hour in grant funds from the Air Force Aid Society. These funds will be available to the student volunteers upon graduation from high school and entry into college. Students may accumulate as many as 250 hours or \$1,000 during their freshman through senior years in high school. Teens must be dependents of active-duty Air Force personnel and must be at least a high school freshman to be eligible for this program. For more information, call the youth center at 434-2503.

### One Page at a Time Reading Program

The Youth Center and other affiliated organizations are offering this program for ages 5 to 13. The program runs through May 2, 2008. Register anytime at the youth center and parents and participants will be provided with a quick overview of how the program works. A list of the pre-approved books to read will be available at registration. Age groups are 5 to 7, 8 to 10, 11 to 13. The first round of incentive prizes provided by Air Force Services will be given to children who read a predetermined number of books by Feb. 22. The final program incentives will be awarded for the top three finishes in each age group after May 2, 2008. For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

### Lunch Take Out Service

The Columbus Club offers a lunch take out service Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call-ins begin at 10:30 a.m. Items available are pizza, Philly cheese steak with fries, roast beef and swiss sandwich, "Happy" burger with fries, chef salad, chicken caesar salad, taco salad and more. They also offer a daily blue plate special. Call 434-2419 to place an order to ask about their blue plate special.

### National Youth Photography Competition

The youth center offers this program March 11 with sign-up deadline of March 7. Competition will be divided into the following age categories: 9 or younger, 10 to 12, 13 to 15, 16 to 18. Photographs must be entered in one of the following categories: color process, black and white process, alternative process such as pinhole cameras, polaroid transfers, photo screen printing, photo etching and photograms, digital phones that have not been manipulated and photo essay on the global and local issues impacting your community. Photographs must not exceed 8 x 11 inches. A negative must accompany each photo or submit a disk for digital entries. For more information, call 434-2504.





# SUPT Class 08-05 earns silver wings



T-1A Jayhawk

T-38C Talon



**Capt. Scott Axelson**  
Benton, La.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**Capt. Christoher Occhiuzzo**  
Kansas City, Mo.  
B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.



**1st Lt. Plamen Peshev**  
Pazardzhik, Bulgaria  
MiG-19, Ignatievo AB, Bulgaria



**2nd Lt. Jason Blodzinski**  
Buffalo, N.Y.  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Bret Buchanan**  
Knoxville, Tenn. (ANG)  
KC-135, McGhee Tyson, Tenn.



**2nd Lt. Wesley Gregory**  
Fairbanks, Alaska (ANG)  
A-10, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.

Eighteen officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 08-05 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker is Col. Kent Laughbaum, commander of the 355th Fighter Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. He is responsible for one of the largest installations and flying operations in the United States Air Force, with more than 6,600 Airmen, 1,600 civilians, and over 100 aircraft. He serves as the senior officer responsible for organizing, training, and equipping a 23-squadron wing including three fighter squadrons and one air control squadron.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lts. Wesley Gregory, T-38, and Ian Haig, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lts. Nolan Thompson, T-38, and Jeremy Vancil, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants Gregory and Haig were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week pre-flight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-

37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. *(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are Backyard Burger and Rebecca Goodell.)*



**2nd Lt. Travis Smith**  
Tomah, Wis.  
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Philip Stephens**  
Floyds Knobs, Ind.  
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Jared Tenpas**  
Beavercreek, Ohio  
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Jeremy Vancil**  
Anchorage, Alaska (ANG)  
C-17, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska



**2nd Lt. Matthew Voke**  
Orlando, Fla.  
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Brandon Wood**  
Bossier City, La.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



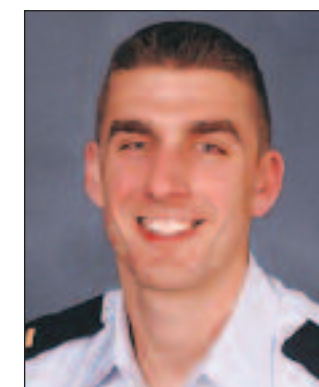
**1st Lt. Nolan Thompson**  
Gary, S.D.  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Andrew Baydala**  
Hoover, Ala.  
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



**2nd Lt. Jessica Bendrick**  
San Diego, Calif.  
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Ian Haig**  
Eugene, Ore.  
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Daniel Kaufman**  
Monroe, Mich. (ANG)  
A-10, Willow Grove NAS/JRB, Pa.



**2nd Lt. Kealoha Kaawaloa**  
Pahoa, Hawaii (ANG)  
F-15C, Hickam AFB, Hawaii



Base News

Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive sponsored by the 14th Medical Group and Mississippi Blood Services on today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Services Complex. All donations are greatly needed and appreciated and all donors will receive a free t-shirt. For more information or to schedule a time, call Capt. Daryl White at 434-2123 or 1st Lt. Shirrisha Peake at 434-2731.

Black History Month Activities

The African American Heritage committee will be hosting a number of events during Black History Month. The committee will also host a Sweetheart Ball Saturday from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Columbus Club. Cost is \$10 per person.

There will be a “Global Migration of African Cuisine” food tasting Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chapel Annex.

For more information on any of these events, please call Staff Sgt. Bryant Hayes at 434-2226.

Supply Center Closure

The Base Supply Center will be closed Feb. 22. For more information, call 434-2401.

Essay Contest

The CAFB Top Three are sponsoring an essay writing contest open to E-1 through E-6 and currently enrolled in an undergraduate college class. The theme of the essay is "Integrity First" and limited to between 400 and 600 words, limited to one essay per entrant. For more information, please visit the AF Portal or Master Sgt. David Sauer at 434-2019 or Master Sgt. K.B. Alexander 434-2555.

Leasing

The Landings at Columbus is now leasing to single and unaccompanied service members. For more information, please visit the housing office, or call 434-7276.

Supply Customers

BLAZE Team members in search of a special piece of equipment or furniture for an office, contact the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the last look area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the last look area are available without charge to an organization. For more information, call the Inspection Section at 434-7223 or 434-7234.

Civilian Tuition Assistance

Civilian Tuition Assistance is available for CAFB permanent and temporary appropriated fund employees. Classes can be academic, technical or vocational and must be job or AF mission related. CivTA can be issued for one class per semester up to \$250 credit hour for a total of \$4,500 per fiscal

year. CivTA does not cover books and certain fees. Call 434-2561 for more information.

Tuition Assistance Reminders

Military Tuition Assistance must be requested before the start of classes or no later than the last day of late registration. Military members must request TA online by going to the Air Force Virtual Education Center through the AF Portal <http://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>. Participants must notify the Education Office whenever they drop, add or withdraw from a course. Students are responsible for providing their TA voucher to the school. And, don't forget to give a copy of the final grade report to the Education Office after the class has ended. Call 434-2562 or 434-2561 for more info.

Testing Hours

The Education Office conducts CLEP/DANTES, CDC, PME, etc. testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays promptly at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students arriving late will be rescheduled. Testing will be conducted outside of this schedule only when verifiable extreme circumstances exist. Please call 434-2562 or 434-2561 to schedule an exam.

AFA Scholarship Programs

The Air Force Spouse Scholarship program, <http://www.afa.org/af/aid/spouse.asp>, is designed to encourage Air Force Spouses worldwide to pursue an associate/bachelor or graduate/postgraduate degree. The Captain Jodi Callahan Memorial Scholarship, [www.afa.org/af/aid/callahan.asp](http://www.afa.org/af/aid/callahan.asp), provides a \$1,000 scholarship to an active duty Air Force, full time Air National Guard or full time Air Force Reserve (officer or enlisted) pursuing a Masters Degree in a non-technical field of study. Please visit the web sites for application information.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

*(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email [afrc@columbus.af.mil](mailto:afrc@columbus.af.mil).)*

Post-Deployment Brief

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

Pre-Deployment Brief

There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour are held every work day at 9 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

Wing Newcomers

There will be a Wing Newcomers Brief at

the Airman and Family Readiness Center Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This briefing is for all active duty and civilian personnel new to Columbus AFB. Spouses are welcome to attend. Call 434-2790 for more information.

Introduction to Computers

Learn the basics of computers, email and internet. This workshop is offered by the Airman and Family Readiness Center and East Mississippi Community College Work Force Development at the AFRC. There is no cost and open to active duty, retirees, NAF, civil service, family members or contractors. Classes will meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 2 to 4 p.m. beginning Tuesday through Feb.28. For more information, call 434-2790.

Keyboarding Computer Workshop

Participants will learn how to effectively use a keyboard and increase typing speed with this workshop offered by Airman and Family Readiness Center and East Mississippi Community College Work Force Development. The class is free and open to active duty, retirees, NAF, civil service, family members or contractors. It will meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. beginning Tuesday through Feb. 28 at the AFRC. Call 434-2790 or email [afrc@columbus.af.mil](mailto:afrc@columbus.af.mil) for more information.

Smooth Move










The smooth move class will be held Thursday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. This workshop is for relocating. PCSing members/families where they will receive moving information, learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Finance, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records and AFRC during their move. Call 434-2790 for more information.

Hearts Apart Social Gathering

This gathering will be held Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. This social gathering is for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel. Information and refreshments will be offered.

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

(Current weeks puzzle on page 7)

HH-60	KC-135		C-130	HH-60	C-17	KC-16		C-21
CH-53	C-21	KC-10	C-6		HH-60	C-130	HH-60	C-17
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Chapel Schedule

Beginning Feb. 5 the Chapel will host a Leadership Series entitled “Contagious Leadership” by John Maxwell. Participants can bring their own sack lunch or pay \$3 for lunch. For more information, call 434-2500.

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional  
Worship Service (Children’s Church)

All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Catholic

Monday through Thursday  
4:30 p.m. — Mass

Thursday  
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:  
4:15 p.m. — Confession  
4:30 p.m. — Choir Practice  
5:30 p.m. — Mass

First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA classes are held Wednesday in conjunction with Pioneer Club.

The Catholic Parish Fellowship Dinner is held on the first Sunday of each month following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Wednesdays

5 p.m. — Potluck  
6 p.m. — Pioneer Club for ages 3 years to 7th grade  
6 p.m. — Video Study  
6 p.m. — “A Case for Kids” Family Life Study  
6 p.m. — “Breaking the Code” A study of Revelations  
6 p.m. — Youth Bible Study for ages 8th to 12th grades

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	WATCHTOWER		
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**Contact Helpline:** This training class will be held Saturdays, Feb. 23, March 1 and 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1001 Main Street, Columbus, Miss. Training will consist of marriage and family conflicts, loneliness and grief, depression and suicide, substance abuse and sexuality. The three Saturdays will provide participants with 24 classroom hours and 12 hours apprenticeship in the phone room for 36 total hours of training. For more information, call 327-2968.

**Continuing Education:** Mississippi University for Women is conducting continuing education classes for interested participants. The Praxis I class will begin Feb. 20 and run for six weeks. The class will be held on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. for the writing portion and from 7 to 8 p.m. for the math portion. Cost is \$75 each or \$100 for both. Spanish for Travelers class will begin Feb. 25 and run for 10 weeks. The class will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Mondays. Cost is \$90. Spanish for Travelers class will begin Feb. 25 and run for 10 weeks. The class will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. on Mondays. Cost is \$90. Arabic

Language and Culture will begin Feb. 27 and run for 10 weeks. The class will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Cost is \$90. More classes will be held throughout March and April. For more information, call 329-7288 or email gsceu@muw.edu

**Scholarships available:** The Military Officers Association of America is pleased to offer the base scholarships again this year. This MOAA program provides grants of \$1,000 each to twenty-five dependent children of military personnel. MOAA's immensely successful scholarship grants and zero-interest loans are currently helping over 1,600 uniformed services dependents to meet their college expenses. For more information, visit [www.moaa.org/scholarshipfund](http://www.moaa.org/scholarshipfund) or by emailing MOAA at [edassist@moaa.org](mailto:edassist@moaa.org).

**YMCA Annual Banquet:** The YMCA will hold its Annual Banquet April 25 at the Trotter Convention Center, Columbus, Miss. Sergeant Matt Eversmann, who was immortalized in the epic film, Black Hawk Down, will speak at the banquet on Dedication, Pride and

**Commitment:** The Story of Black Hawk Down, focusing on three attributes that brought him home alive: leadership, courage and selfless service. It is sure to be an event to remember. The silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner beginning at 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$60 per person for the silent auction, dinner and speaker; \$440 for an eight person corporate table; and \$30 for balcony seating for the speaker only. Tickets must be purchased by April 11 and are available at all YMCA locations or by calling 328-7696.

**Relay for Life:** This year's theme for the Relay for Life is "Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back." This 12-hour event will be held April 18 beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 6 a.m. April 19. For more information, call Lenny Ring at 327-5971 or Mott Ellis at 574-1104.

**For more information about local area events, e-mail [AFRC@columbus.af.mil](mailto:AFRC@columbus.af.mil) or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.**



# Columbus' Biggest Loser competition inspires BLAZE Team to shed pounds

Health and Wellness Center  
Special to Silver Wings

Do you have a few pounds you would like to shed? Don't exactly know where to start? Do you just need a little motivation? Do you want to be a part of Columbus Air Force Base's biggest competition?

If you answered yes; mark the calendars, get a team together and work to become Columbus' Biggest Losers!

The Biggest Loser competition is when teams of six people compete in a three-month comprehensive weight loss program that begins March 3 and concludes May 23. Weigh-ins will be held monthly to track progress.

Members can also attend classes that teach proper nutrition, exercise techniques, and how to make lifestyle changes to succeed. Points will be awarded based on the number of classes attended, monthly exercise activities completed, pounds and percentage of body fat loss.

To sign a teams up please stop by the Health and Wellness Center or Fitness Center today through Feb. 22. A Team Captain's Meeting will take place Feb. 25 at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the 14th Medical Group Training Room.

For more information, call 434-2477.

Intramural Basketball Scores				
Monday				
OSS	51	—	37/41st FTS	53
MDG	60	—	CES	47
Tuesday				
37/41st FTS	76	—	DynCorp	62
MDG	56	—	SFS	30
Wednesday				
OSS	26	—	SFS	50
DynCorp	75	—	CES	72
37/41st FTS	55	—	MDG	59

Health is the condition of wisdom, and the sign is cheerfulness — an open and noble temper.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

# SPORTS

## BLAZE race



Sign up now to participate in the Columbus AFB Blaze Race 5K Walk/Run and 10K on Feb. 23. Start time for the 10K is 8 a.m. Start time for the 5K Walk/Run is 8:30 a.m. Sign up sheets are located at the Fitness Center front desk or access a registration form and see the route for each race at [www.cafbsservices.com](http://www.cafbsservices.com). Participants must register before Feb. 1 to receive a shirt on race day. Awards will be given to the top three females and top three males in both the 5K Walk/Run and 10K race. The top male and female in each age group will also be awarded in the 5K and 10K. The awards ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. Commander's Trophy points will be awarded. For more information call the Health and Wellness Center at 434-2477 or the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

## Take your shot



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Danielle Hill  
**Anthony Vick, 14th Security Forces Squadron, shoots a foul shot during intramural basketball action against the 14th Medical Group Tuesday night. The MDG held off the no. 2 SFS by a score of 56 to 30.**

# Sports Shorts

**Youth Spring Soccer Registration:** Register through today at the Youth Center for youth soc-

cer. Cost is \$25 for ages 3 and 4 and \$35 for ages 5 to 13. For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

**Fun Runs:** There will be a Fun Run Feb. 22 beginning at 7 a.m. at the Fitness

Center. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

**Fitness Classes:** The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.



# CAFB 2007 Annual Awards winners

## Airman 1st Class Danielle Hill 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Columbus AFB recognized its 2007 Annual Awards winners Saturday night during a ceremony at the Columbus Club.

Although a stiff competition, the 13 winners came out with a well deserved victory.

Major Lisa Davison, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, was awarded the Field Grade Officer of the Year for 2007.

The 2007 Flight Commander of the Year award went to Capt. David Woodley, 14th Operations Support Squadron.

First Lt. Jeff Hughes, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, was awarded the Company Grade Officer of the Year.

Captain Adam Gaudinski, 37th Flying Training Squadron, was named the Instructor Pilot of the Year for 2007.

The 2007 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year was Master Sgt. Larry Conger, 14th Contracting Squadron.

The 2007 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year went to Tech. Sgt. Damien McCleskey, 14th Flying Training Wing.

Senior Airman Charlotte Whipple, 14th Medical Support Squadron, was named the Airman of the Year for 2007.

Honor Guardsman of the Year of 2007

went to Airman 1st Class Matthew Terkay, 14th Comptroller Squadron.

Stephen Pritchett, 14th Contracting Squadron, was named the Category I Civilian of the Year for 2007.

The Category II Civilian of the Year for 2007 was Allen Reed, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The Category III Civilian of the Year for 2007 was Ruth Riggs, 14th Comptroller Squadron.

LueAnn Boone was named Volunteer of the Year for 2007.

Master Sgt. George Evans, 14th Medical Group, was named First Sergeant of the Year for 2007.

Chief Master Sgt. Karl Sagstetter, Command Chief Master Sergeant of Air University at Maxwell AFB, Ala., was the keynote speaker for the event. Air University is comprised of 28,000 personnel who implement Air Force educational activities impacting 350,000 students annually. He advises the commander on issues related to enlisted leadership, education and training, morale, quality of life, policy, guidance and resources.

The 14th Flying Training Wing would like to send out congratulations to all the nominees and special congratulations to the winners.



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**Members of the 14th Security Forces Squadron posted the colors during the 2007 Annual Awards Banquet Saturday evening.**

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing.

-Abraham Lincoln



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**The 2007 Annual Awards winners were recognized during a dinner at the Columbus Club Saturday night. The winners are seen here with Col. Dave Gerber, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Ron Bowlan, 14th FTW Command Chief Master Sergeant.**



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**Chief Master Sgt. Karl Sagstetter, Command Chief Master Sergeant of Air University at Maxwell AFB, Ala., delivers his speech at the 2007 Annual Awards Banquet.**